

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2283

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**As Passed House:**  
January 30, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to special parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

**Brief Description:** Modifying the display requirement for certain parking placards.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hunt and Reykdal.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 1/16/12, 1/18/12 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 1/30/12, 95-1.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires disabled parking placards to be displayed in a manner that allows the entire placard to be viewed through the vehicle windshield.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Billig, Vice Chair; Liias, Vice Chair; Armstrong, Ranking Minority Member; Eddy, Fitzgibbon, Hansen, Jinkins, Johnson, Klippert, Kristiansen, McCune, Moeller, Moscoso, Overstreet, Reykdal, Rivers, Shea, Takko, Upthegrove and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing (Department) must grant special parking privileges to a person with a disability who meets at least one of the following criteria, as determined by a licensed physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or physician assistant:

- cannot walk further than 200 feet without stopping to rest;
- is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;

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- is so severely disabled that the person cannot walk without an assistive device;
- uses portable oxygen;
- is restricted by lung disease to a particular extent;
- is impaired by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to a particular extent;
- has a disability resulting from acute sensitivity to automobile emissions that impairs the ability to walk;
- is legally blind and has limited mobility; or
- has a form of porphyria to the extent that the applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to light.

If a person is granted a special parking privilege, the Department must provide the person with either special license plates or parking placards containing the international symbol of access. Parking placards must be hung on a rearview mirror or displayed on a dashboard.

**Summary of Bill:**

A parking placard issued to a person with a disability must be displayed in a manner that allows the entire placard to be viewed through the vehicle windshield.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This bill was suggested by a volunteer for the Lacey Police Department who does a lot of disabled parking enforcement. In many cases, the expiration date is not visible and a ticket must be issued. The citation is removed later if the placard has not expired. This is time-consuming and inefficient. Having the full placard visible would make it so the citations do not have to be issued, saving time and making the process more efficient.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Hunt, prime sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.